

Serial No. 10/727,385

Docket No. H01541

REMARKS

Claims 1-20 are pending in the application.

Claim 1 is amended herein to specify that the diffuser is removably mounted, and that it may be removed for determination of the projection lens pupil distribution, as disclosed, for example, in originally filed claim 17 and at page 13, lines 14-21.

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the application based on the following points.

Rejection of Claims over Shiraishi et al.

Claims 1, 2 and 4-11 stand rejected as obvious over U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2003/0043356, to Shiraishi et al. Applicants respectfully traverse the rejections of these claims over Shiraishi et al. for at least the following reasons.

Claim 1 is amended herein to specify that the diffuser is removably mounted, and that it may be removed for determination of the projection lens pupil distribution. Applicants respectfully submit that Shiraishi et al. fails to disclose or suggest that the portion of the device contended by the Examiner to be "a diffuser (35a, 35b, para [0194])" is or could be removably mounted and that this diffuser may be removed for determination of the pupil transmission distribution as disclosed and claimed in the present application and pending claims. The Examiner has not identified this capability or this function in Shiraishi et al. Therefore, Applicants respectfully submit that Shiraishi et al. does not anticipate and would not have rendered obvious Applicants' claimed invention.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to withdraw the rejection of claims 1, 2 and 4-11 over Shiraishi et al. Applicants respectfully submit that the claims 1, 2 and 4-11 are not anticipated by Shiraishi et al. and that these claims are allowable thereover.

Serial No. 10/727,385Docket No. H01541**Conclusion**

Applicants respectfully submit that all of claims 1-20 are in condition for allowance. Appropriate notice to such effect is respectfully requested.

In the event issues arise as a result of the filing of this paper, or remain in the prosecution of this application, Applicants request that the Examiner telephone the undersigned attorney to expedite allowance of the application. Should a Petition for Extension of Time be necessary for the present Reply to the outstanding Office action to be timely filed (or if such a petition has been made and an additional extension is necessary) petition therefor is hereby made and, if any additional fees are required for the filing of this paper, the Commissioner is authorized to charge those fees to Deposit Account #18-0988, Docket No. H01541/AMDSPH1541.

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